

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 2331 – All Terrain Vehicle, Snowmobile, and Boat Programs (LSB 5210SV)
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Description

Senate File 2331 updates Iowa Code language and definitions pertaining to snowmobiles, ATVs and watercraft. Some of the changes include:

- Requiring residents to purchase a \$15 resident user permit to operation snowmobiles on public land.
- The Bill eliminates dealer special registration exemptions for off-road utility vehicles.
- Changes snowmobile and ATV dealer special registration fees from an annual \$15 fee to a three year \$45.
- Prohibits waterskiing except on rivers and streams during the period between November 1 and April 1. Waterskiing violations will be fined \$100.
- **Senate File 2331** replaces the term safety certificate with education certificate.

Background

Money collected from snowmobile user permits are deposited in the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund. This fund is dedicated to snowmobile programs, safety education and trail maintenance. Language updates and other changes were requested by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Assumptions

The DNR currently registers approximately 29,000 snowmobiles each year. It estimated the user permit will apply to 80.0% of registered snowmobiles. This will result in the purchase of 23,200 user permits at \$15 each. The estimated revenue increase is \$348,000. The DNR anticipates spending additional revenue on trail development, maintenance, and operation. The fiscal impact of prohibiting waterskiing fines cannot be determined.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The estimated fiscal impact is an increase in revenue to the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund of \$348,000 in FY 2013 and each year after.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources
Department of Human Rights

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17** and the correctional and minority impact statements were prepared pursuant to **Iowa Code section 2.56**. Data used in developing this fiscal note, including correctional and minority impact information, is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
